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SUBJECT: SOVIET MFA DELEGATION DEPARTS

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1. LOCAL PRESS INTEREST IN VISIT OF SOVIET MFA MIDDLE EAST
DEPARTMENT CHIEF SYTENKO, WHICH INSPIRED CONSIDERABLE NEWSPAPER
COMMENTARY FEB 10 (REFTEL), VIRGUALLY NONEXISTENT FEBRUARY
11. TWO-HOUR FEBRUARY 10 SYTENKO MEETING WITH DEPPRIMIN/FONMIN
FAHMY RECEIVES PERFUNCTORY SQUIB ON AHRAM FRONT PAGE, BUT IS
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BURRIED IN INSIDE PAGES OF AKHBAR AND GUMHURIYYA. SYTENKO DEPARTS CAIRO FEBRUARY 11, SAME DAY UNSYG WALDHEIM DUE BACK IN EGYPT WITH "RESULTS" OF DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELIS.

2. COMMENT: ORIGINAL UP-BEAT PRESS TREATMENT OF SYTENKO VISIT MAY HAVE STEMMED FROM GOE HOPE THAT SOVIET DELEGATION BRINGING SOME FRESH THINKING ON ME NEGOTIATING IMPASSE OR, MORE

LIKELY, FROM DESIRE TO PUT GOE IN BEST POSSIBLE LIGHT.
PRESS STAND-DOWN FEBRUARY 11 REPRESENTS RETURN TO HARSH
REALITY. LOCAL DAILIES FEBRUARY 11 ALSO ADOPT REALISTIC
TONE CONCERNING RETURN OF WALDHEIM, WHICH SCARCELY TREATED
WITH SAME BREATHLESS EXPECTATION AS HIS ARRIVAL
FEBRUARY 3. AHRAM NOTES WITHOUT COMMENT STATEMENT BY ISRAELI
FONMIN ALLON REJECTING UN MEDIATION OF ME DISPUTE.
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